

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, the Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Small Cap Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of 6.14% at net asset value compared to 9.03% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Negative returns in Materials and Information Technology hampered results, as did underperformance in Utilities and Consumer Staples. The Fund outperformed in the Consumer Discretionary, Real Estate and Energy sectors, while Industrials and Financials added measurably.

From a country perspective, developed markets proved lackluster, with the Fund trailing in Japan, Netherlands, Denmark, Singapore and South Korea, the latter of which was attributable to a semiconductor industry slowdown on realistic AI expectations. Double-digit gains were captured in developing markets, including Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan, China, Portugal and Colombia.

Consumer Staples was dragged down by Glanbia PLC, while Utilities had tempered, albeit positive, returns for all holdings with the exception of Rubis. ENF Technology and Hexpol hurt the Materials sector. ENF Technology, which produces electronic materials/chemicals for chips, fell in line with the overall semiconductor industry. Swedish polymer producer, Hexpol, reported underwhelming second quarter results, with the market worrying about weak end demand in auto, building and construction.

Tecnoglass Inc. was the top portfolio contributor and leader in the Industrial sector, up more than 35% on solid quarterly results, with record revenue in its residential, commercial and multifamily builds. Loomis AB, delivered robust organic sales growth while increasing margins. Conversely, Doosan Bobcat was the main sector detractor, after news of a merger with Doosan Robotics was met with derision from minority shareholders and Korean government regulators.

Among Consumer Discretionary stocks, U.K. housebuilder Vistry Group announced robust semi-annual results, while proffering an upbeat outlook for the housing sector on the back of Bank of England rate cuts. The U.K. government plan to increase home supply and reform the planning system was also encouraging. Japan's Open House Group was equally ebullient about a housing market recovery, pointing to high sales of Tokyo condos, strong U.S. real estate business and an upturn in single-family home sales. Other sector gainers included Inchcape, Samson Holding, Coats Group and China Meidong Auto Holdings.

Nearly 40% of Financials holdings had gains in excess of 10% for the quarter, led by Thanachart Capital, Lancashire Holdings and Amundi SA. The Thai government kicked off its "digital wallet" stimulus to boost the local economy; Thanachart was a tangential beneficiary of this scheme. At the opposite end of the spectrum, goeasy declined after the resignation of its CEO, as investors pondered the company's future.

Portfolio Changes

During the quarter, the Fund sold Keller Group at a tidy profit as it reached valuation limits; other sales included The Nature Holdings Co. and AEM Holdings. Fund holding Redrow PLC was acquired by fellow homebuilder Barratt Developments; we exited following the deal news. There were no new buys during the period.

Outlook

Real wages (adjusted for inflation) have risen in most countries, while interest rates are falling; this bodes well for consumer purchasing power. In such macro-economic environs, Consumer Discretionary stocks and other cyclicals often do well; the Fund is traditionally overweight in cyclicals and is thus poised to capitalize on this trend. Our research continues to identify any number of attractive investment opportunities (especially in Asian markets, and specifically China); we expect to add new names to the portfolio in the next few months. ❖

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of September 30, 2024 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.52%	1.42%
Institutional Shares	1.27%	1.05%
R6 Shares	1.12%	1.02%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2024, as amended. Reflects all fee waivers currently in effect. Fee waivers may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2025 without the consent of the Fund's Trustees.

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	25.4%
Vistry Group plc	2.9%
EQB Inc.	2.7%
D'leteren S.A.	2.7%
Inchcape plc	2.6%
Tecnoglass, Inc.	2.6%
Thanachart Capital PCL	2.5%
Amundi	2.4%
Elis S.A.	2.4%
Aalberts N.V.	2.3%
Daicel Corporation	2.3%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 09/30/2024:

Glanbia PLC	2.2%
Rubis	2.2%
Hexpol	2.2%
Loomis AB	2.2%
goeasy	2.2%
Open House Group	2.1%
Lancashire Holdings	2.1%
Doosan Bobcat	1.7%
ENF Technology	1.1%
Coats Group	0.7%
China Meidong Auto Holdings	0.5%
Samson Holding	0.4%

A WORD ABOUT RISK

Investing in foreign markets, particularly emerging markets, can be more volatile than the U.S. market due to increased risks of adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market or economic developments and can perform differently than the U.S. market.

Small company stocks may trade less frequently and in a limited volume, and their prices may fluctuate more than stocks of other companies. Small company stocks may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those of larger companies. The Fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than a diversified fund.

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Investment Products

- Not FDIC insured
- May lose value
- No bank guarantee

PERFORMANCE

as of September 30, 2024

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					
	Q3	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Ordinary Shares	6.14%	7.96%	20.50%	2.95%	8.11%	5.58%	6.32%	05/01/08
Institutional Shares	6.20%	8.23%	20.87%	3.33%	8.50%	5.94%	6.63%	05/01/08
R6 Shares	6.25%	8.25%	21.00%	3.38%	8.55%	—	7.06%	02/06/17
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index ¹	9.03%	12.38%	23.84%	1.90%	8.69%	6.51%	5.46%	—

¹The MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index, captures small cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the United States). With 4,369 constituents as of 09/30/2024, the index covers approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. You cannot invest directly in an index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date for the Index is 05/01/2008.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, visit the Fund's website at www.peartreefunds.com.

A WORD ABOUT RISK (CONTINUED)

Therefore, the Fund is more exposed to individual stock volatility than diversified funds. As a result, a decline in the value of the securities of one issuer could have a significant negative effect on the Fund. The Fund may have significant investments in one or more specific industry sectors, subjecting it to risks greater than general market risk. For example, adverse news from just one or two companies in a particular industry can hurt the prices of all stocks in that industry.

For information about the Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Small Cap Fund, obtain the Fund's prospectus by calling (800) 326-2151 or visiting www.peartreefunds.com. Before investing carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.